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Dear Mr. Darton:

My name is Kate Watters and I am a resident of Alexandria, Virginia. I live in the Del Ray neighborhood, close to the Mirant Plant. I am writing to voice my concerns about the operating permit, which is currently under discussion for the Potomac River Generating Station.

I am very disturbed that the permit does not specify any specific monitoring standards for PM 2.5. This has been one of the major concerns within the community and I find it unacceptable that our repeated demand for PM 2.5 control has been ignored yet again.

I urge DEQ to require that the permit for the Mirant plant require monitoring for PM 2.5 so that the plant's operations meet National Ambient Air Quality Standards for PM 2.5. Other states have implemented laws to control PM 2.5; Virginia should as well.

I also urge the DEQ to require stricter limits for all toxic emissions, including mercury, from the plant.

At a time when the country is working to decrease greenhouse gas emissions, institute more environmentally friendly technology and develop sustainable alternatives to traditional energy plants, it is difficult to understand why Mirant's Potomac River Operating Station continues to get a pass when it comes to environmental protection and the health and safety of our community.

Please insist on the tightest, most up-to-date environmental controls for the Mirant plant. Our health and safety depend on it.

Sincerely yours,



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